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SUBJECT: IEA: IMPLEMENTATION OF NORWAY PARTICIPATION
AGREEMENT

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1. REFTEL A PROVIDES TEXTS OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND RE-
VISED DRAFT GOVERNING BOARD DECISION ON INSTITUTIONAL AR-
RANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF NORWAY. SPECIFIC COMMENTS
WHICH FOLLOW IN PARA. 3 ARE KEYED TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS
OF REFTEL A.

2. GENERAL COMMENT: NORWEGIANS WANTED QUICK RESOLUTION
OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS INAS-
MUCH AS PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION PROCESS HAS ALREADY
STARTED. THEY WERE UNABLE TO ADOPT DEFINITIVE POSITIONS
ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES HOWEVER, PLEADING IN-
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SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED

GB DRAFT DECISION. UK, FRG AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS (JAPAN WAS SILENT OBSERVER) WERE MORE PRONE THAN US TO ACCOMMODATE NORWEGIAN CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY AS TO FULL PARTICIPATION UNDER CHAPTERS V-VIII. UK ASSUMED LOW PROFILE, NOTING IT COULD ACCEPT ALMOST ANY CONSENSUS REACHED ON INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. CANADIAN DEL WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT TOOK ACTIVE ROLE IN PRESSING FOR EVEN MORE THAN NORWEGIANS SEEMED PREPARED TO SEEK. IT WAS VOLUNTEERED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE SHOULD NO LONGER BE SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT NORWEGIAN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR CANADA.

3. PARA. 2.2 (A) AND (B) OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - US PREFERRED POSITION OF SPECIFICALLY AMENDING IEP AGREEMENT TO AFFORD NORWAY RESTRICTED VOTING RIGHTS RECEIVED NO SUPPORT. UK AND OTHERS ARGUED THAT ATTEMPT TO AMEND AGREEMENT MIGHT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES WITH RESPECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF IEP. UK SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF PROTOCOL TO NORWEGIAN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BUT CONSENSUS REACHED FAVORING GOVERNING BOARD DECISION SETTING FORTH ELEMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TOGETHER WITH, AS SUGGESTED BY NORWEGIAN DEL, EXCHANGE OF NOTES OR LETTERS.

PARA 3 (A) OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND PARA. 1 OF DRAFT DECISION - STRONG SENTIMENT OF ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS WAS TO AFFORD NORWAY INSTITUTIONAL STATUS AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE APPROXIMATING THAT OF FULL PARTICIPANT IN LINE WITH ARTICLES 3 AND 4 OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT.

PARA 3 (B) OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND ALTERNATIVES A-C, PARA. 2 OF DRAFT DECISION - MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS TENDED TO FAVOR NORWAY VOTING AS IF IT WERE A FULL PARTICIPANT ON ALL DECISIONS REQUIRING A MAJORITY UNDER CHAPTERS V-X AND ON UNANIMOUS DECISIONS RELATING TO BUDGET. HOWEVER, CANADIAN DEL (ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS) ARGUED NORWAY'S VOTE SHOULD BE COUNTED ON ALL DECISIONS REQUIRING UNANIMITY AS WELL. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED FINAL DECISION BE MADE BY GOVERNING BOARD ON BASIS OF ALTERNATIVES FORMULA SET FORTH. IN PRIVATE CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, NORWEGIAN DEL (AMBASSADOR KRISTIANSEN) SUGGESTED THAT FOR "OPTICAL" REASONS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR NORWEGIAN VOTING IN MA-
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JORITY DECISIONS TO BE COUNTED IN OVERALL VOTE CALCULATION EVEN IF UNIMPORTANT AS PRACTICAL MATTER IN AFFECTING OUTCOME.

PARA 3 (D) OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND PARAS. 3 AND 4 OF DRAFT DECISION - STRONG US LINE AGAINST NORWEGIAN VOTING UNDER CHAPTERS I-IV WAS NEITHER DIRECTLY SUPPORTED NOR OPPOSED BY OTHER DELS WHO WAITED (IN VAIN) FOR NORWEGIANS TO REGISTER A PREFERENCE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANTED

ANY VOTING RIGHTS AND, IF SO, UNDER WHICH SPECIFIC
ARTICLES. AD HOC GROUP FINALLY ADOPTED CHAIRMAN'S
FORMULATION POSTPONING DECISIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGE-
MENTS UNDER CHAPTERS I-IV UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EXACT NATURE
OF NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN EMERGENCY MEASURES IS KNOWN.
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